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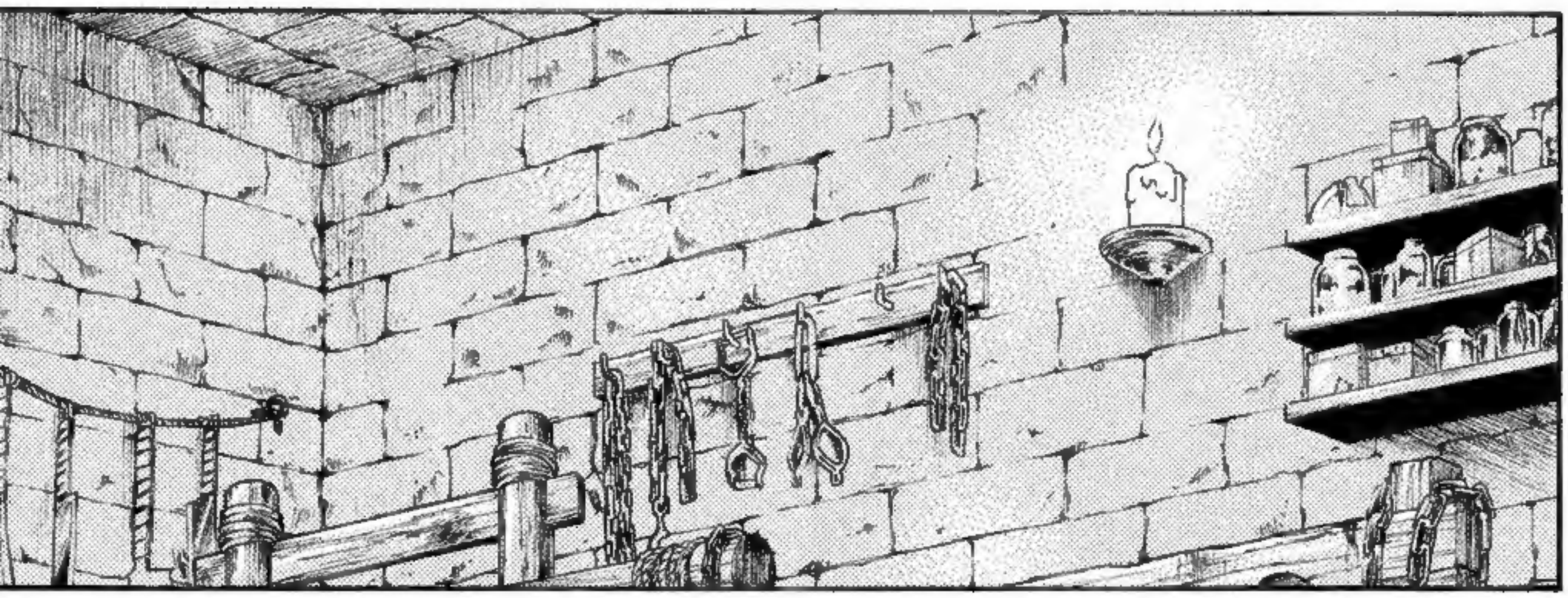

IT HURTS ...
STOP THIS...
PLEASE ...I BEG OF YOU...

MISS TAN HI.
...FEAR NOT, I WON'T BE MUCH LONGER.

NOW...THE LOCATION OF THE SWORD OF DIVINE RETRIBUTION...

TELL ME WHERE IT IS...

NO ANSWER?

OH, MY.

.....WELL, I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HER...

DO YOU WONDER WHAT I'M DOING? I'M CARVING THE MARK OF THE ONYX DEMONS.

IT'S TIME TO BEGIN THE SEARCH.

TAN HI.

YOU'LL CATCH A COLD FALLING ASLEEP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

YOU'RE OKAY...

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THER!

A MAN CALLED BETSU TEN GAI CAME FOR THE SWORD OF DIVINE PUNISHMENT AND KILLED YOU, MY BROTHER... IT WAS A HORRIBLE DREAM...

I HAD A TERRIBLE DREAM.

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?

HEY, HEY...

HAHAHA. WHAT A STORY, TAN HI.

IT CAN'T HAVE BEEN TAKEN SINCE I STILL HAVE IT.

NOW COME ON, LET'S GO INSIDE.

TONIGHT WILL BE COLD.

OKAY.

BROTHER.

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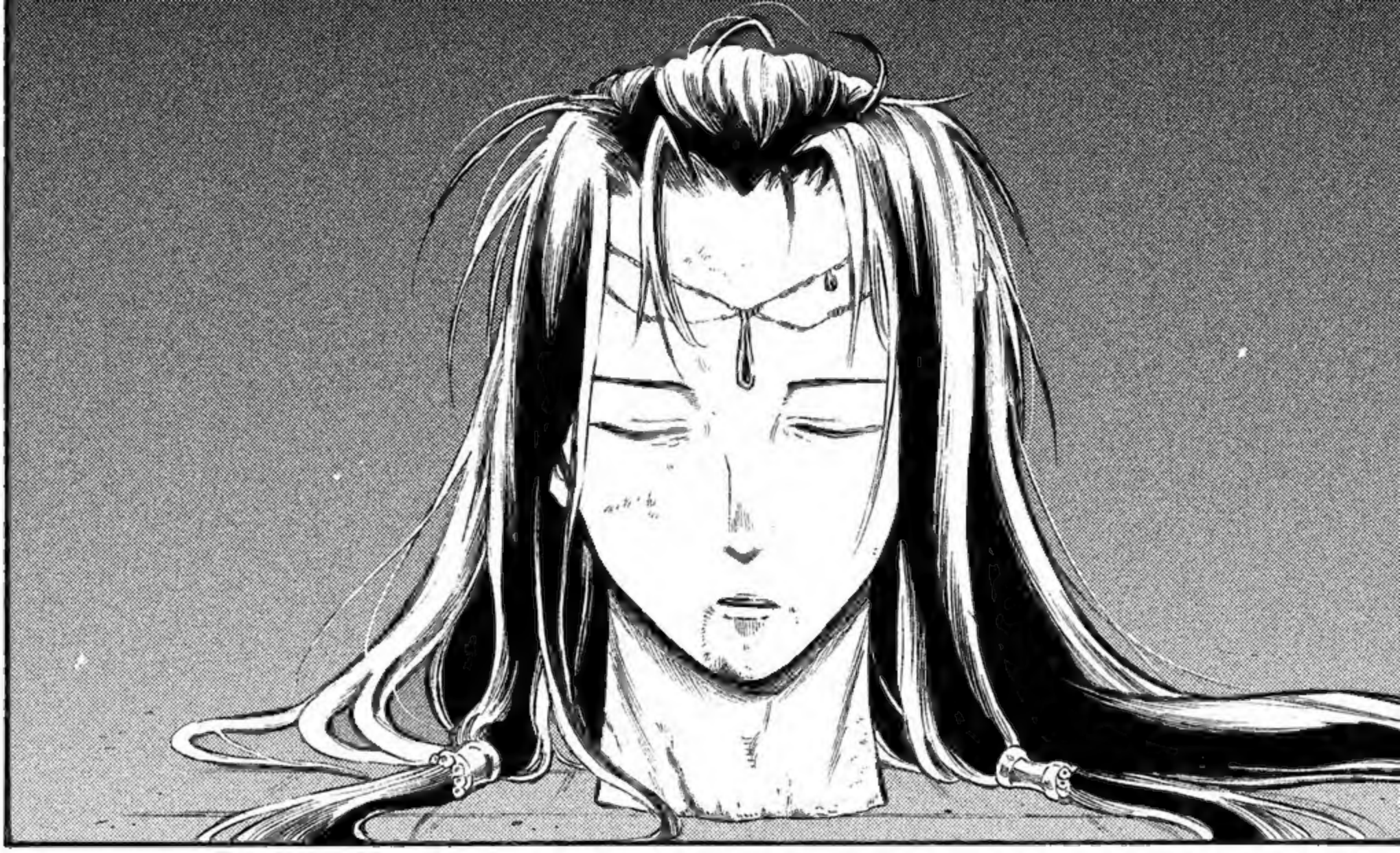

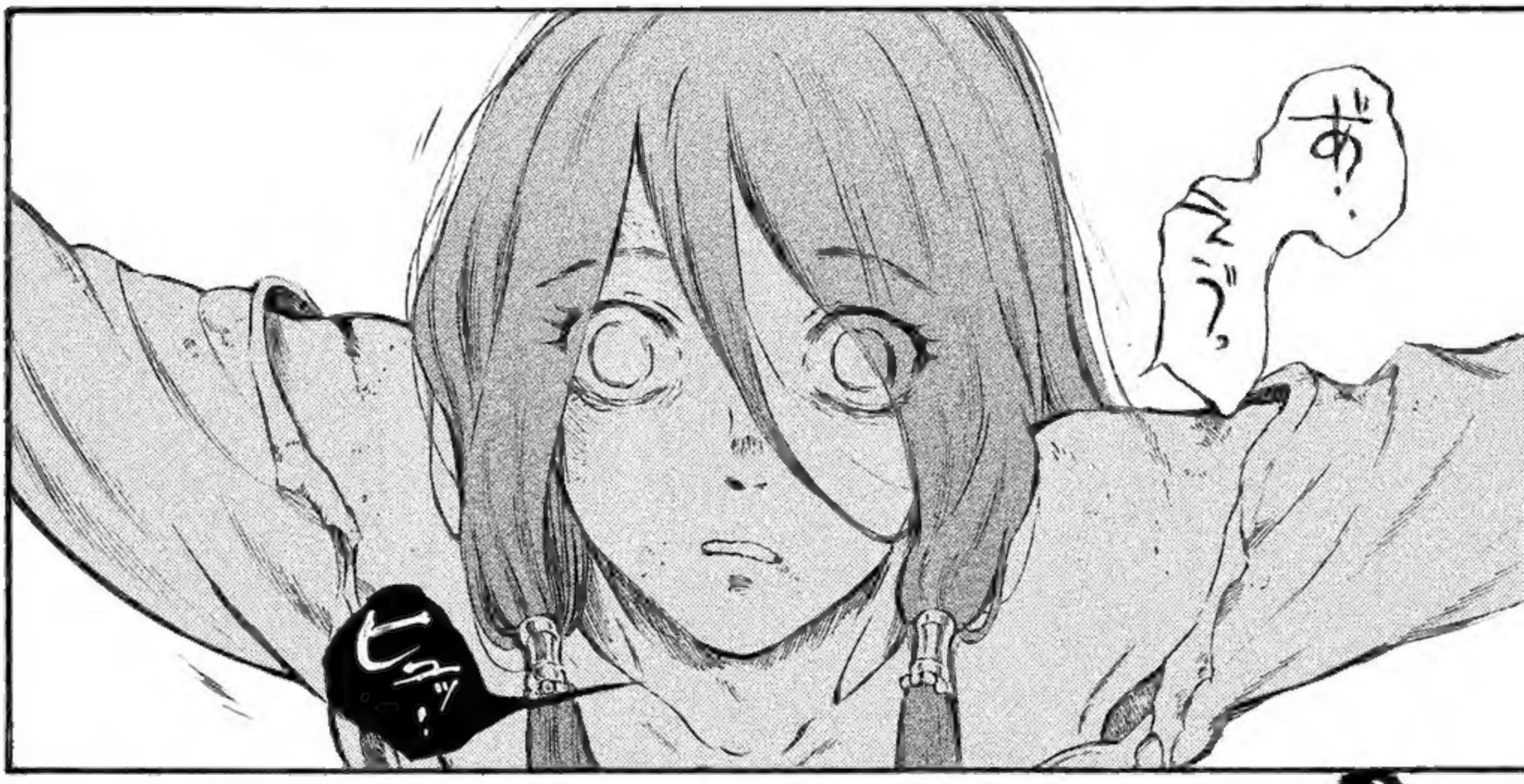
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TEXT: BROTHER

YOU'VE AWOKEN AGAIN.

OH.

TEXT: MY BROTHER!

AFTER YOU FAINTED I FOUND THIS.

CALL ME SELFISH BUT I HAD TO SEARCH FOR THE CROSS GUARD.

THE SISTER AND BROTHER HAVE BEEN REUNITED.

HECK. I EVEN LOOKED IN ALL OF YOUR HIDDEN PLACES.

THIS REUNION BETWEEN BROTHER AND SISTER IS OVER.

NOW, I HAVE THE CROSS GUARD IN MY HAND.

HEY.

THROW HER INTO THE PRISON.

HERE WILL DO.

TAN HI!?

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TAN HI?

WHAT HAP-PENED !?

WHAT DID THEY DO TO YOUR BODY!?

HEY.

LOOK WHO IT IS.

IT WAS EASY.

WE SIMPLY WENT THROUGH THE LABYRINTH OF DARKNESS WITH THE SOUL ECHO FLUTE...

HOW DID YOU GUYS...

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WHAT?

THIS WOUND... SHE'LL NEED TREATMENT ...

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS, KEN.

WHY IS THERE ONLY TWO OF YOU? WHERE'S KICHO?

YOU SEE...IT'S STRANGE.

IT APPEARS SHE NO LONGER HAS THE CROSS GUARD.

.....BRO?

AND THEN KICHO PUT ME TO SLEEP.

RIGHT AFTER WE ARRIVED AT THE SEVEN SINS TOWER BETSU TEN GAI AMBUSHED US.

EVERYTHING'S LED UP TO THIS POINT...I GUESS IT'S BETTER TO JUST NOT ASK.

TAN HI DIDN'T EVEN ARRIVE AT THE TOWER, SHE MUST HAVE STRAYED ELSEWHERE.

YOU GUYS ARE HERE BECAUSE OF KICHO.

HE INTENDS TO HAND IT OVER TO BETSU TEN GAI.

LISTEN UP...

HE AIMED TO STEAL IT AND GAIN BETSU TEN GAI'S TRUST WITH IT.

INSTEAD OF TAKING THE SWORD OF DIVINE PUNISH-MENT BY FORCE...TT

HAHAHA, INDEED. IT WAS ALL A PLOY.

SAY WHAT?

NO, THE ENIGMATIC GALE.

AS EXPECTED OF KICHO.

HE'S THE ENIGMATIC GALE!?

WHAT'S WITH THE NAMES?

WHILE HE'S KNOWN AS THE "ENIG-MATIC GALE", RIN SETSU A IS HIS REAL NAME.

IT'S SAID WHEN HE SETS HIS SIGHTS ON YOUR TREASURE THERE'S NO STOPPING HIM.

YOU SEE, HE'S NOW REVEALED HIS TRUE COLOURS AS A MASTER THIEF.

DO YOU MEAN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING HE WAS AFTER TAN HI'S SWORD OF DIVINE RETRIBUTION!?

HE'S A BLOODY THIEF...

SO YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW ANY-THING.

...IS HE FOR REAL?

...YOU BASTARD, WHY DIDN'T YOU BOTHER TELLING ME?

...WE KNOW THAT MUCH.

"LET'S STEAL ONE OF THE MAGIC WEAPONS OF DIVINE TEACHINGS FROM A LITTLE GUARDIAN OF THE SEAL GIRL".

IT WAS A PLEA FOR HELP.

I'LL FILL YOU IN.

KICHO SENT US LETTERS.

AND FOR THAT PURPOSE...

HE GATHERED ALL OF US.

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